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SUBJECT: RUMORED CHANGES IN GOP DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

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1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD SIMILAR KINDS OF RUMORS FOR MOST OF PERSONNEL CHANGES CITED IN REFTEL BUT HOW MUCH REAL SUBSTANCE IS IN THEM IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY.

2. DISINCLINATION OF KOKOY ROMUALDEZ TO GO TO PEKING IS WELL KNOWN, AS IS POSSIBILITY OF NARCISCO REYES REPLACEMENT. CURRENT INDICATIONS SO FAR, HOWEVER, ARE THAT CHINESE WANT HIM AND PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS ARE STILL TRYING TO GET HIM TO GO.

3. RUMORS ABOUT ROMULO'S DEPARTURE FOR THE UN ARE STRONGER BUT WE HAVE HEARD THEM BEFORE.

4. WE HAVE HEARD CONSISTENTLY THAT EDUARDO ROMUALDEZ WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE WASHINGTON BECAUSE HE IS IN POOR HEALTH AND WOULD LIKE TO RETURN. HE WOULD BE A REASONABLE CANDIDATE FOR ROMULO'S JOB BUT IS NOT CURRENTLY RUMORED AS ONE.

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5. COLLANTES WAS VERY STRONGLY RUMORED FOR WASHINGTON SOME MONTHS AGO AND WE STILL THINK THIS A POSSIBILITY. THE ASSIGNMENT OF PONCE ENRILE TO WASHINGTON IS A NEW RUMOR AND WOULD SUGGEST SUCH A CHANGE IN BALANCE OF FORCE IN GOVERNMENT--FAVORING MRS. MARCOS--THAT WE WOULD QUESTION ITS LIKELIHOOD.

6. COMMENT: WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF QUITE A NUMBER OF OTHER PERMUTATIONS ON THE ONES OFFERED REFTTEL. IF WE GET ANY FIRM INFORMATION, WE WILL SO ADVISE BUT FOR INTERIM SUGGEST WE DEMUR FROM ATTEMPTING TO OUTGUESS THE MASTERS OF THIS GUESSING GAME.
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